Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.

Clerk: Linda K. Durham, 278-4225

Research Analyst: Rick Ceschin, 278-5003

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SAFETY AND GENERAL SERVICES

# Thursday, December 16, 2010 - 8:30 A.M.

# Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

# MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Supervisors \*De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, \*Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) - 7

\*Supervisors De Bruin and Larson were not present at the time of the roll call; however, they appeared shortly thereafter.

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

# **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT - 2**

1. 10-466 From the Director of Child Support Enforcement (CSE), requesting authorization to execute extensions of the Children First Program contracts with United Migrant Opportunities Services, Inc. and Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd for a period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Lisa Marks, Director, Child Support Enforcement

Ms. Marks reviewed the subject report.

MOTION BY: (BRODERICK) Approve.

Questions and comments ensued.

# Vote on the motion to approve: 5-0

**AYES:** Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 5

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** De Bruin and Larson – 2

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# **SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

2. 10-465 From the Director of Child Support Enforcement, requesting authorization to enter into a contract with Racine County Child Support from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 to provide call center child support call center services.

#### **APPEARANCE(S):**

Lisa Marks, Director, Child Support Enforcement

Ms. Marks reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Approve. 5-0

**AYES:** Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 5

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** De Bruin and Larson – 2

# CORPORATION COUNSEL – 3

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

3. 10-472 From Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel, requesting approval for payment in the amount of \$25,000 to Berlydene Williams and Jameila Ellis to settle in full all claims arising out of this case.

## **APPEARANCE(S):**

Roy Williams, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

Mr. Williams reviewed the subject report.

Questions and comments ensued.

MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Approve.

Supervisor Sanfelippo advised that he would not be supporting this item.

**Vote on the motion to approve: 5-1** 

# **SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**AYES:** Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson and Johnson (Chair) – 5

**NOES:** Sanfelippo – 1 **EXCUSED:** De Bruin – 1

4. 10-407 From Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel, requesting authorization for litigation and retention of counsel regarding O'Donnell Parking structure.

## **APPEARANCE(S):**

Tim Schoewe, Interim Corporation Counsel John Schapekahm, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (CESARZ) adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to Item 4. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary: (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

**NOES:** 0

**EXCUSED:** De Bruin – 1

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 9:15 a.m. and reconvened back into open session at approximately 9:23 a.m. with Supervisor De Bruin present.

MOTION BY: (SANFELIPPO) Approve. (Vote 7-0)

**AYES:** De Bruin, Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 7

**NOES**: 0

5. 10-414 From Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel, recommending payment in the amount of **\$62,000.00** to Dewitt Webster in back-pay minus the appropriate payroll deductions and **\$45,000.00** to the Cross Law Firm for attorney's fees to settle all claims arising out of Mr. Webster's lawsuit and the dismissal of said lawsuit.

# **APPEARANCE(S):**

Roy Williams, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel Bill Mollenhauer, District Council 48

Mr. Williams reviewed the subject report.

## **SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

Mr. Mollenhauer advised that he does not agree with some of the specifics regarding Mr. Webster's placement back into the County.

Discussion ensued, with questions and comments relative to a negative impact on an employee who was next in line for a promotion. Concerns were raised relative to the union interfering with the County's ability to settle cases.

MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Approve. (Vote 4-2)

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik and Sanfelippo – 4

**NOES:** Larson and Johnson (Chair) – 2

**EXCUSED:** De Bruin - 1

This item was taken out of order.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board

Lisa Marks, Director, Child Support Enforcement Tim Schoewe, Interim Corporation Counsel Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

Roy Williams, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel John Schapekahm, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of the subject reports, communications, resolutions, and ordinances, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Length of meeting: Approximately 8:40 a.m. until 9:25 a.m.

Linda K. Durham

Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk

# **DEADLINE**

The next regular meeting of the Judiciary Committee is Thursday, January 20, 2011. All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the business day on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

ADA accommodation requests should be filed with the Milwaukee County Office for Persons with Disabilities, 278-3932 (voice) or 278-3937 (TTY), upon receipt of this notice.